

I recently learned that Sinclair Broadcast Group has instructed their 62 local stations, which includes KQVR in West Sacramento, California, to pre-empt regular programming to air a negatively biased piece on presidential candidate, Senator John Kerry, entitled "Stolen Honor". As I am sure you must realize, this broadcast would amount to direct electioneering by a media outlet, which is in clear violation of federal election law and FCC regulations.

KQVR and Sinclair's other stations use public airwaves free of charge, and are required by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs like "Stolen Honor" do not serve the public interest, and are harmful to our democracy - not to mention in violation of federal law.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Although I have expressed my sentiments directly to KQVR and I remain hopeful that KQVR will make the morally right and legal correct decision concerning this matter, in an abundance of caution, I am also forwarding my comments directly to the FCC.

Thank you.

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